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PRICE TWO CENTS

FEDERAL INQUIRY WILL CUT PRICES OF FOOD IN HALF

Consumer Will Save 20 to 50 Per Cent, Estimate of Officials
PROFITING BLAMED
Consolidation of Milk Delivery Systems Likely to Be One Reform Ordered

Prices of food will be reduced 20 to 50 per cent, it is expected, as a result of an investigation begun by the War Industries Board and the Federal food administration into the existing costly methods of distribution through retailers. Officials in charge of the inquiry said today that selling expense will be heavily cut and that the consumer will get the benefit.

Profiteering by retailers is one of the chief causes of present high prices, it is charged. Meat costs from 50 to 100 per cent more at retail than at wholesale.

Other contributing factors are heavy refrigeration costs and clerk hire.

Milk, according to the Food Administration, costs from 40 to 60 per cent more than it should, due to the overlapping in deliveries. From five to ten wagons serve one block in certain cities, it is said, where one could do the job.

The Department of Agriculture is also working to cut down the high cost of foodstuffs. Representatives of that department are now planning along this line of recommendations, made to the President to control the meat packers' profits.

WOULD MERGE MILK ROUTES

C. H. Supple, of the Supple-Williams Milk Company, believes consolidation of milk routes is the "secret of the whole system" of milk prices and delivery.

He made this statement today after being informed that the Government is planning a price reduction on a large scale through the consolidation of milk routes in cities throughout the country.

Philadelphia has a better system of milk delivery and lower prices than other cities in the country, Mr. Supple said.

"We are a little ahead of the Government in consolidation of deliveries," said Mr. Supple. "We have found, however, that a man can do a certain amount of work and no more. Where several wagons are necessary in one section, it is because there is too much milk to be delivered."

SYSTEM HERE CALLED BEST

"Our wagons are about as full as a man can serve in a day, but, of course, there are a number of small concerns that might be consolidated.

"Milk wagons in this city, I believe, are carrying their capacity. There are fewer wagons here for the area covered than in any other city I know of."

"I believe consolidation of deliveries is the best system possible."

STATUE UP TO WILSON

Senator Knox Defends Buchanan; Lodge Withdraws Charge
Washington, June 18.—President Wilson will decide whether a statue of James Buchanan, fifteenth President of the United States, shall be erected in Washington.

The Senate by a vote of 51 to 11 voted in favor of thus honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln's predecessor in office. The vote was taken after a debate which lasted three hours, and during which Senator Lodge withdrew his charges against Buchanan last Friday. He and the other opponents of the statue contented themselves with arguing that Buchanan was "weak and inefficient," while Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, and the others who supported the proposition extolled Buchanan and compared his policies and utterances with those of Lincoln.

Senator Knox led the fight to honor the memory of the Pennsylvania. He quoted history at length to show that Buchanan uttered no disloyal words, but admitted he was weak in acting to prevent the Civil War.

SCHEIDEMANN ON MISSION

Visits Holland on Eve of Dutch Socialist's Trip to England
Amsterdam, June 18.—Newsman here announced the arrival of Philip Scheidemann, leader of the Majority German Socialist Party, at Leeuwarden to meet Pieter Troelstra, the Dutch Socialist leader.

Troelstra is going to England shortly to attend the annual conference of the British Labor Congress.

FLAMES LEVEL GARAGE

Two Autos Burned and Church and Home Menaced
Fire today destroyed a two-story frame garage owned by Joseph Otto, West Welsh Road and Bustleton Avenue. Bustleton, a two automobile and a motorcycle stored there, and damaged other buildings nearby.

The dwelling of Mrs. A. Bedaker, in Welsh Road, and the carriage shed on the grounds of the M. E. Church of Bustleton, were slightly damaged by falling sparks ignited the roofs of these structures.

Asks \$20,000 for Breach of Promise
Woodbury, N. J., June 18.—Miss Anna Naber, of this city, has instituted proceedings against Dr. Harry L. Siebel, 530 W. Woodbury, in a breach of promise suit and asks \$20,000. The plaintiff will be represented by Hestley & Block, 25 W. Washington, and the defendant by T. S. Watkins, of this city, and J. R. Keat, of Philadelphia.

BULGARIAN CABINET OUIES

Failure to Acquire Dobruja Blamed for Downfall of Radoslavoff
Sofia, June 18.—King Ferdinand has accepted the resignations of Premier Radoslavoff and the cabinet. The ministers were requested by the King to retain their portfolios until a new cabinet is formed.

The downfall of Premier Radoslavoff probably is due to the feeling in Bulgaria that he did not make the most of his opportunities in the negotiations during which peace was forced on Rumania and Rumania compelled to give up the Dobruja. Many Bulgarians have felt, it has been reported, that the Dobruja should have been ceded outright to Bulgaria. There also has been some dissatisfaction over whether the Central Powers would back up Bulgaria's territorial claims in Greek Macedonia.

KERENSKY AID ARRIVES

Konovalev, Noted Economist, on Way to Washington
New York, June 18.—A. I. Konovalev, Russian Minister of Trade and Industries and the Kerensky Government, who left Russia last spring after being ousted with imprisonment by the Bolsheviks, has arrived in New York. Mr. Konovalev is on his way to Washington, where he expects to discuss with officials of the State Department the question of allied intervention in Russia, and the United States by way of Siberia and Japan. He was met here by Ambassador Boris Bakmetiev and other officials of the Russian Embassy. Mr. Konovalev declined to discuss the Russian situation. It is understood from his friends, however, that he is an ardent advocate of Allied intervention for the purpose of restoring an orderly and democratic form of government in Russia and making her again a vital factor in the war against Germany.

DODGED DEATH SEVEN TIMES

Wilkes-Barre Youth Back From War With Five Wounds
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 18.—William Jackson, twenty-five years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, Sr., of Lee Park avenue, has twice dodged death, was wounded severely and five times listed on the casualty rolls of the British army. Returning to this city for a period of recuperation, the young man exhibited proofs of his adventures, which rival fiction.

Four years ago Jackson enrolled for service with the British-American transatlantic service. On his first journey after the declaration of the war, he was sent to the bottom. This experience was duplicated two years later. The young man decided to get into the British army, where he would have a chance to fight back. He was assigned to the 10th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, and soon found his way to the front line. In five battles or skirmishes he was wounded five times, never seriously enough to keep him out of action more than a month at a time.

LIET. STURGIS WOUNDED

Uniontown Soldier Was Once Catcher for Athletics Here
Uniontown, Pa., June 18.—Lieutenant Sturgis, formerly catcher on the Philadelphia American League Club and all-around athlete, was wounded severely in action "somewhere in France" June 7, according to a telegram received by his father, W. J. Sturgis, from the War Department. He was thirty years old, an athlete three years ago. He also starred on the Bucknell football team.

He was a graduate of the first officers' training school at Fort Niagara, and was appointed to the rank of lieutenant receiving his commission. In a cablegram received by the father recently, Lieutenant Sturgis said that he was "well and fighting."

LIBERTY READY TO LAUNCH

First 9500-Ton Vessel of Federal Corp. Overboard Tomorrow
New York, June 18.—The first 9500-ton vessel built by the Federal Shipbuilding Corporation, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, will be launched tomorrow at the yards near Newark.

The ship will be christened Liberty by Mrs. Gary, wife of Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation.

FRONTIER DICKER OFF

Negotiations Between Germany and Russians Broken
London, June 18.—Owing to the action of Germany in beginning an offensive against the Russians on part of the eastern front the negotiations between the two nations have been broken off, according to a dispatch from Moscow via the Russian wire.

The Germans are reported to be advancing in the Vistula region.

Orders have been issued at Moscow for the mobilization of the classes ranging from 1893 to 1897.

BOMB ENEMY NAVAL BASES

British Naval Aviators Raid Zeppelins, Ostend and Bruges
London, June 18.—British naval aviators dropped twenty-four tons of bombs on Zeppelins, Ostend and Bruges, with good results, between June 13 and 16, the Admiralty announced today. One British plane failed to return.

Today in the Great War

A YEAR AGO—The Germans gained slightly in an attack in the Arras sector.

The Allan Line steamer Carthage was mined and sunk while en route from Glasgow to Montreal. She carried no passengers.

TWO YEARS AGO—Anglo-French forces pushed their offensive on the western front, gaining ground in the Arras region.

On the east front the Russians continued to retreat. The Austro-Germans occupying Tarnograd. The Russians were making their last stand at Lemberg.

THREE YEARS AGO—The Austrian army which evacuated Czernowitz was reported to be fleeing toward the Carpathian Mountains.

The Germans suffered heavy casualties in repeated attacks against Dead Man's Hill and Theaumont, on the Verdun sector.

Austrian airmen downed several tons in northern Italy.

LOSS OF ONE EYE OR FINGER NO BAR TO ARMY SERVICE

New Rules Let Down Bars to Virtually All but Totally Disabled
NO CHANCE TO DODGE
Revised Physical Requirements Assure That All Physically Fit Will Be Used
Easy to Get Into Army Under New Physical Rules

Features of the new physical requirements just announced for army recruits and draft registrants follow:

Prospective soldier must have twelve "serviceable" teeth, gold crowns and dummies to be considered "serviceable natural" teeth.

Clubfoot of slight degree, "claw toe," hammer toe or the loss of one finger of either hand, with exception of index right finger; absent left thumb or stiff fingers, of a degree not to interfere with function, will not bar a man from the trenches.

Blindness in one eye is not sufficient to disqualify a man for limited military service.

Hysterical paralysis or muscular tremors of slight degree not considered sufficient to warrant deferred physical classification.

Insanity and acute alcoholism warrant unconditional rejection.

Minimum weight for acceptance 116 pounds; minimum height five feet three inches.

"Camouflaged disability" advanced by draft registrants will be rigidly investigated.

Total disability will be virtually the only bar to military service in the future as the result of new rules on the physical requirements of a prospective soldier, which are now being sent to every recruiting office and draft board in the country.

Designed for the express purpose of detecting the "malingerer" on the draft board, the new physical rules provide that only total blindness or such other defects as unconditionally prohibit enrollment for military service are to be taken into consideration in the examination of a voluntary recruit or draft registrant.

Along with the new physical rules is a notation to the medical examining surgeon of the medical examination for "camouflaged" disability.

Will Accept One-Eyed Men
Blindness in one eye, teeth which have been restored by crowns or "dummies"; a clubfoot of slight degree; an absent left thumb; the loss of one finger; it be the index right finger; stiff fingers of a degree not to interfere with function; a hammer toe, claw toe, fracture—none of these are to be longer considered as sufficient to bar a youth from military service.

Heretofore virtually any one of these defects would have acted as an automatic bar to military service.

These rules apply to the regular army, National Army, National Guard and reserve corps.

On the subject of "camouflaged disability."

WESTERN UNION SPURNS U. S. PLAN

Proposal That Telegraphers Be Allowed to Organize Refused
WILSON'S PLEA DENIED
New York, June 18.—President Newcomb Carlton, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in a letter to President Wilson, made public today, virtually declined to accept the ruling of the War Labor Board in the dispute between the company and the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, as requested by the President, unless forced to do so by the war Government.

Eight weeks ago, Lieutenant Prince, who was commissioned on Washington's Birthday at Camp Hicks, Texas, was called from his home to see foreign service in the aviation section of the signal corps. He landed in England May 2.

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LOST DIRIGIBLE REPORTED FOUND

Officers of Schooner Announce Safety of Balloon and Crew
PICKED UP OFF COAST
Cape May, N. J., June 18.—The large dirigible which has been missing since it left here Saturday morning last night was reported found off Rockaway Beach, N. J. The crew is safe.

Officers of a schooner which picked up the dirigible telephoned the naval station here late last night and reported the finding of the balloon, according to rumors continuing throughout Cape May.

Lieutenant Gillespie, commanding the aerial station, when asked for a confirmation or denial of the reported finding, said:

"Call up the naval intelligence office at Washington if you want any information."

The captain of the schooner, a report here said, notified the aerial station he had found the dirigible floating in the ocean. The balloon's commander, Ensign Hutton, has not reached here. He had two aviators with him. Naval aviators and submarine chasers "had searched since the dirigible first was lost, but none sighted the balloon."

AMERICAN ACE CAPTURED

Lieutenant Baer, of Fort Wayne, Missing Since May 22
Fort Wayne, Ind., June 18.—Telegrams received from the War Department by say Lieutenant Paul Frank Baer, the American "ace" who has been reported missing since May 22, is a prisoner in a German camp.

Lieutenant Baer is twenty-two years old and went from Fort Wayne to France, where he enlisted in the Lafayette squadron, being transferred to the "American" forces later. He had brought down eight enemy planes, two of them in one day.



LIET. HARRY W. PRINCE

2 PHILADELPHIA MEN DIE HEROES

Airplane Accident Kills One, While Other Succumbs to Wounds
TWO MORE PRISONERS
Two more Philadelphia soldiers have been killed "over there." Two others are known to be prisoners in Germany. They were previously reported "missing in action."

Lieutenant Harry W. Prince, who left the southshore corner of Sixth Street and Spruill Avenue, was killed in an airplane accident in England, June 11. His name appeared today in General Pershing's casualty list for the first time.

Private Harold D. Atkins, of 201 North Forty-first street, a mine, died of wounds received in the fiery fighting.

The two Philadelphians previously mentioned in this column, who are known to be prisoners, are Louis Sandler, of 221 South Sixth Street, and Herman Teichman, of 187 North Fifth Street.

Lieutenant Prince was a graduate of Central High School in the class of 1911 and at the time of his enlistment in the aviation section of the signal corps was employed here as a civil engineer. He was twenty-five years old and unmarried.

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WILSON PUTS LABOR UNDER U. S. CONTROL

Asks Co-operation of Employers and Workers in War Problems
TAKES EFFECT AUGUST 1
Does Not Mean Constriction. Prohibits Private Recruiting of Unskilled Labor

The text of the President's proclamation is published on Page 2.

Washington, June 18.

The President, by proclamation, has called upon the employers and the workers of the nation to cooperate with the Government in the administration of war labor problems by supporting the program of the Department of Labor to prohibit private recruiting of unskilled labor after August 1.

At the suggestion of Secretary of Labor Wilson, the President gave his approval to the establishment of a central labor recruiting agency—the United States Employment Service—and imposed the registration of unskilled labor, which will mean the withdrawal of workers from nonessential industries.

Secretary Wilson's statement to the President at the present labor "sturm-trommel" is alarming. It is said that there is an increasing shortage of unskilled labor with concrete instances of the harm to the war effort and the workers themselves in the present indiscriminate competition for workers on the part of employers.

The President seeks to make it clear in the proclamation that the accepted Federal control of labor supply is not to be viewed as a restriction of labor, but as a means to secure a more efficient use of labor for voluntary enlistment in essential industries," he said.

Conscription of labor as viewed here would mean the forcing of a worker to a certain kind of employment. The plan of the Government works from the other end of the problem. It requires the consent of the worker and the approval of the Government, and they would be accepted by employers only when they have made their own selection of the worker, and they are authorized their employment. The plan looks the sting of actual conscription because its success depends on the voluntary consent of employers and workers alike. The nonessential industry is to be hit through its inability to obtain any workers in the future. It is the Government can strike it through the war industries board, the fuel administration and the railroads.

Does Not Touch Skilled Labor
The President's proclamation does not touch the status of skilled labor. The Labor Department has announced that the conscription of unskilled labor will be reached later. The date of Federal control over unskilled labor recruiting has been changed from July 15 to August 1 in order to prepare the country for the change.

Secretary Wilson sent the following message to the employers and workers:

"My Dear Mr. President:

"Our increasing military energies are being strained to the limit, and we are in need of the most careful husbanding of our man-power. We can no longer leave our labor supply to the unregulated forces of competition, which call for settlement. The success of the war is dependent on the patriotic efforts of diverse agencies of the Government in relation to a comprehensive policy and the coordinated activities of conscription, which call for settlement. The success of the war is dependent on the patriotic efforts of diverse agencies of the Government in relation to a comprehensive policy and the coordinated activities of conscription, which call for settlement. The success of the war is dependent on the patriotic efforts of diverse agencies of the Government in relation to a comprehensive policy and the coordinated activities of conscription, which call for settlement."

ALLIES' STAND HOLDS DRIVE AT EVERY POINT; WIN GORY PIAVE FIGHT

U. S. LINES HOLD FIRM IN FRANCE
With the American Army in France, June 18.—German patrols which held American positions northeast of Luneville yesterday morning were driven off after a brief encounter. Several Americans are missing.

The Germans continue to drench American positions northwest of Chateau-Thierry and particularly Belleau Wood, Bouresches and Triangle farm with asphyxiating gas and mustard shells.

Despite the incessant shelling the Americans hold their positions everywhere. Every time the enemy has tried to discover our strength the raiding parties have been broken up by the accuracy of the American fire.

RASH SCOT RUSHES MACHINE GUN ALONE

Gordon Corporal Ignores Sergeant's Warning and Attacks, but Falls Wounded After Going Only Few Yards
By PHILIP GIBBS
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War Correspondents' Headquarters on the Western Front, June 18.

The enemy did some heavy shelling Sunday and Monday night in Flanders, by Mont Rouge and Mont Noir, round about Robecq and also in the neighborhood of Albert, but engaged in no infantry action, except for a few small raids. He made no counter-attacks, attempting to get back the ground taken from him across La Bassée Canal composite Hinges as I described in my message yesterday, and the British dug themselves in during the daylight after their wild adventure of the night, unimpaired, though the enemy flung over many big shells into our old Hinges and strafed some of the villages behind.

I went up to this part of the country again yesterday and spent some time with the Gordons, who were in the attack. They had had no sleep until the small hours of the morning, and when I went among them at midday one company was fast asleep, having no sleep in their camp, and another company had just walked in and was welling about in shirts and steel hats or less than that, but force coming and going, they looked like the birds of the night.

Some of them were young soldiers, some of them were old soldiers, but they were all in the attack on the night of the darkness, when some of them were held up by a German machine gun firing from an elevated position on their right. They were too rash, some of them, not having the experience of older soldiers, and a sergeant of the Gordons told me he had to hold them back from going beyond their mark.

But one of the rashest men, after all, was a corporal who had been through many battles and had been wounded eight times. When another German machine gun was sweeping the ground in front of him the corporal was impatient.

"Sergeant," he said, "I'm going to rush that post!"

"Not alone, man," said the sergeant. "Call all we get some more to help you!"

"Oh, I'll take on the job myself," said the man, and he rushed forward alone, but fell wounded before he had gone many yards.

"You were right after all, sergeant," he said, when he was carried back, but it shows how the spirit of the British keeps an and how even those who have been through many actions of this war are as daring as ever.

But the old-timers are astonished at the spirit of the new lads who come out. "It's innocence that makes 'em so brave," said one of the veterans today. "The older men play the part of the fatherly hands to the youngsters of the latest drafts who come into action for the first time."

"These raids and night attacks tell you under fire and they are a severe test for it is not an easy job to get across ground in darkness to rush machine gun posts from which comes a deadly tattoo to face a crowd of desperate men, who fight like tigers, sometimes when the British get into their ground. But the new drafts are proving themselves of the same quality as those that came out in the early days, and the new officers are being to learn and to lead."

"It was grand to see our young platoon commanders," said one of the men. "He was always in the thick of it."

U-BOAT REPORTED SUNK BY U. S. SUBMARINE

NEW YORK, June 18.—A German submarine was sunk by an American submarine off the Virgin Capes last Friday morning, according to a story told here by persons arriving on a steamer from Cuba. These asserted that the details were obtained from officers of the American submarine.

AUSTRIANS THROW FOURTEEN BRIDGES ACROSS PIAVE

LONDON, June 18.—The Austrians have thrown fourteen bridges across the Piave River, but sufficient reserves are massed opposite them to check the enemy, according to a semi-official dispatch from the Italian front today. "The situation is most encouraging," the dispatch said.

SEIZE RECORDS OF FIFTEEN ALLEGED PROFITEERS

Government officers here have seized papers in fifteen business houses, the heads of which are under investigation on charges of profiteering in connection with war contracts.

POLICEMEN TO DEMAND MORE PAY

Policemen representing virtually every district in this city will meet this afternoon to frame demands for higher pay. They insist they will quit the force unless their demands be granted.

CRISIS MAY BRING BRITISH CRUSHED FALL OF AUSTRIA AUSTRIAN DRIVE

State Is Threatened by Internal Situation, Says Two Enemy Divisions in Italy Exhausted, Suffering 5000 Casualties
By GEORGE RENWICK
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Amsterdam, June 18.

"This is not a parliamentary or a Cabinet crisis, but a State crisis, the crisis of Austria, the old Austria of 1867. The constitution has ceased to exist. Herr von Seydler, a man of no political imagination, has failed to recognize that, and therein lies the reason for the present chaos, and also for the peril of the situation. The people in Berlin must clearly recognize that this contrary party, the old alliance is no more and has no power on earth, not even the might of German support, can restore it to life."

In these words the cautious and moderate Vienna correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt sums up the Austrian situation. He adds that the whole machinery of the Government has come to a standstill.

Other papers confirm this view of the position. Private information to various quarters here shows that in Berlin great concern is felt with regard to Austria's ability to carry on the war. It is said that the British machinery of the Government has come to a standstill.

The Austrians are indeed thoroughly demoralized and their deficiencies in comparison with the British troops are more evident than they have ever been before. British airplanes on the Piave continue their work. Yesterday the number of foot bridges destroyed by their bombs was 15, and to seven and they are 2,000 cartridges at the Austrian carrying across them.

The latest information is that the enemy has so far engaged the British out of his total 80,000 85,000 divisions on the Piave.

There are three great factors in the situation. First, the British have been victorious in the Piave. Second, the Austrians are exhausted. Third, the Italian drive is continuing.

Austrians Hurl All Effectives Into Offensive

71 DIVISIONS IDENTIFIED
Italians Start Successful Counter-Offensive on Lower Piave

EXHAUSTED TEUTONS BALKED IN MOUNTAINS
Fail to Renew Infantry Assaults for Montello Plateau

FOE'S CASUALTIES HIGH
French Win Important Local Victory and British Repulse Raids

Rome, June 18.

The Italians continue to check the Austrians at all points, inflicting bloody defeats on the enemy at several places on the Piave, a communication issued by the Italian supreme command at midnight declared.

A successful counter-offensive was started by the Italians on the lower Piave.

The Austrians, exhausted by the Anglo-French and Italian counter-attacks in the north, have failed to renew their infantry assaults in the mountain region and in the important Montello sector.

Italian Official Report

The report is as follows:
The enemy failed to renew his infantry attacks in the mountains and at Montello.

South of Montello, between Zenson and Fossalta (a three-mile front east of Treviso), an important action developed, but the enemy was stopped everywhere. They left a hundred prisoners.

Between Maserada and Candia (three miles southeast of Montebelluna) attempts to cross the Piave were bloodily repulsed.

On the lower Piave, a counter-offensive action resulted advantageously to us.

Austria Uses All Effectives

Austria's entire effective strength already has been thrown into the Italian drive, according to an official statement today.

Of Austria's total of 1,100,000 men available divisions (892,000 men) already have been identified on the Italian front. So far as quality is concerned, they constitute the whole of the really efficient troops.

German Troops are Participating

in the Italian offensive, according to a dispatch received from Vienna by way of Amsterdam.

The same dispatch said that the peror Charles is on the Italian front. The Austrians also have 7500 guns of all calibers and a tire aviation force in use, with an abundance of war materiel.

Teutons Shift Assault

Blocked in the northern area the Austrians have shifted their heaviest attacks to the Piave line on the eastern portion of the 100-mile Italian offensive front.

The night official statement said that the enemy is trying to occupy the occupation of Montebelluna and mountain lines. A struggle is being made to dislodge from lower Piave.

All these efforts are being opposed, according to the official statement, by the British and Italians, just as the British and Italians are preventing the Austrians from descending the Piave Plateau and from the Vaparian plain.

The Italian advance, while the Austrians are still in the Piave valley, is being held back by the British and Italians.

All reports from the Italian front indicate that the Austrians are being driven back by the British and Italians.